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Dear Sir:

This is a response to a final Office Action dated October 15, 2007, to which a response was due by January 15, 2008. Kindly amend the above-identified, patent application as follows:

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